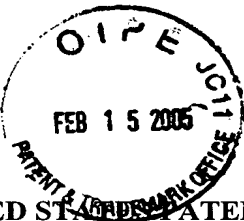


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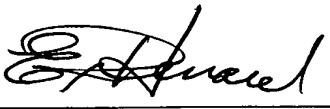
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Applicants confirm with appreciation the receipt of the Notice of Allowability for this application. In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, Applicants respectfully note that patentability is based on the subject matter of the claims as a whole. That is, the patentability of the claims rests on the combination of recited elements and limitations. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that no one element or limitation in particular should be deemed to impart to or be required for patentability of the claims.

Further, Applicants respectfully submit that independent apparatus claims 1, 5, 9, 14, and 18, and method claim 20 are all separately patentable from each other and solely for the subject matter specifically recited as a whole in each of those claims.

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